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New Hampshire Fire Service:

Well if you are reading this, you should be able to see grass and have the calendar show that it is Spring, but today as I write, it is neither!

- ◆ HB 303 is a bill that resulted from a summer of meetings with six to eight legislators to create a method of funding for fire training and emergency medical services in the State. Well it is a reality! As I write this memo the bill has passed the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee of the House, and has passed the floor of the House. It will be heard shortly in the Ways and Means Committee, then off to the Senate. As you read this, it should be in the Senate already. We are very fortunate, and I believe this dedicated funding source will work very well. To check the status refer to: <http://www.state.nh.us> then click on legislature, then legislation, then quick bill search; type in HB303 and click on submit.
- ◆ We are proud to announce the hiring of two captains, which brings our staffing to full level, which we have not seen since 1998. Deputy Chief John Uitts of the New Castle Fire Department and Lieutenant Dean Chandler of the Plymouth Fire Department have been hired to fill the vacant positions. Captain Uitts is working in the Fire Academy Bureau and Captain Chandler is with the Training and Certification Bureau. Welcome to Dean and John!!
- ◆ The Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting training facility is being constructed and should be open in the late Fall. We will be the 11th such facility in the country.

As you can see we are still busy trying to develop and deliver the best product we can to assist in the development of the New Hampshire Fire Service. If you wish to contact me, please call 800-371-4503 or email at rmason@safety.state.nh.us. Wishing you the best for the remainder of 2001!

Respectfully,

Richard A. Mason, Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Weds. of each month (except July-August)

NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m. NHFA

2nd Thurs. of each month Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.;

preregistration required by 1st of month NHFA

April 11 Fire Instructors & Officers Assn. Of NH Professional Development Seminar

and Annual Dinner Meeting at Makris Lobster & Steak House Concord

June 23-25 New England Assn. Of Fire Chiefs 79th Annual Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo

and Conference at Eastern States Expo W. Springfield, MA

Sept. 7-9 NH State Firemen's Convention Gorham

Sept. 10-14 Firefighter Entrance Exam NHFA

FIRE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

FIRE OFFICER PROGRAMS:

Sept. 18 Fire Officer I & II Program Orientation NHFA

Oct. 1-5 Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #1 NHFA

Oct. 15-19 Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #2 NHFA

Oct. 29-Nov. 2 Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #3 NHFA

FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS:

May 7 -June 8 Recruit School: NHFA

May 7-May 25 Firefighter II

May 29-June 8 Certified Career Firefighter

Sept. 4-Nov. 20 Firefighter II, Fall Evening Program NHFA

Sept. 5-Mar. 2002 Firefighter I, Fall Evening Program NHFA

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING: Watch for future listings

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS:

May 4-6 2001 Vermont/New Hampshire Two-State Weekend NFA

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

April 12 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation - Taking Care of Our Own;

A Fire Chief's Guide to Preparing for a Line-of-Duty Death NHFA

June 10-16 Rescue Systems I NHFA

June 24-29 Fire Explorer Academy NHFA

TERRORISM PROGRAMS:

April 16-17 Emergency Response to Terrorism: Tactical Considerations - HazMat Nashua

May 19-20 Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts Gorham

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

The New England Association of Fire Chiefs will be holding their 79th Annual Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo and Conference, the largest in New England, June 23-25, 2001 at Eastern States Exposition, Home of the "Big E," West Springfield, Massachusetts. There will be over 350 exhibits of equipment, apparatus, and ambulances on display with free admittance and free parking. For Exhibit information, contact Chief Charles F. Maurais (Retired) at 781-631-3086; and for Conference information, contact Chief Richard K. Wehter (Retired), Secretary/Treasurer at 781-749-8626.

New England Division, IAFC One Day Seminar NFPA 1710/1720, and Fire Act Bill Grant Criteria

The NEDIAFC is sponsoring a one day panel discussion on NFPA 1710 the proposed Career Standard, and NFPA 1720 the proposed Volunteer Standard, followed by a workshop on the Fire Act Bill criteria and grant writing.

The panel will discuss the ins and outs of the two standards and how they may affect your community and department. The panel members are:

Nick Russo, Fire Chief of the Hull Fire/Rescue Department, Hull, MA, and Second Vice President of the NEDIAFC. Nick represented the IAFC on the NFPA 1710 committee. He is a member on the committee that established the criteria for the Fire Act Bill as well. Chief Russo is the chairman of the IAFC Program Committee for Fire/Rescue International.

NFPA Senior Fire Service Specialist Steve Foley is the NFPA staff liaison to all fire service health and safety committees including 1710 and 1720. Steve is the past Fire Chief of Longmeadow, MA.

Peter McMahon, Deputy Chief, Grand Island Fire Company, NY. He is the current chair of the NFPA 1720 Technical Committee on Fire Service Deployment for volunteer fire service organizations. Peter served as Chief from 1982 through 1988 and as a Commissioner or Chairman of the Board from 1989

through 1997. In November of 1997 he was elected as the Town Supervisor. He has served as Deputy Chief since 1997. Deputy Chief McMahon has served on the IAFC terrorism taskforce, the Fire Rescue International Program Committee. He is currently serving on his 3rd term as a member of the IAFC Volunteer Chief Officers Section, having served as its chair in 2000. Peter is a past Chairman of the NFPA Technical Committee Emergency Response to Incidents Involving Hazardous Materials.

Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Pelton, Cheshire Fire Department, Cheshire, CT, Director of Sales & Marketing Mobile Medical Testing Service, Inc.; directs the sales and marketing effort for a health care organization specializing in occupational health testing and regulatory compliant medical programs. Tim is a Team Leader Northeast Critical Incident Stress Management Team and is a committee member on NFPA 1600 Disaster Management Committee & NFPA 1720 Organization and Deployment of Volunteer Fire Service.

Fire Act Bill criteria and grant writing will follow the panel discussion in the afternoon. Chief Russo and another instructor to be announced will help inform the group on how to apply for the grant money.

This one-day offering will take place on March 30, 2001, 9-12am and 1-3pm at the Springfield Sheraton in Springfield, MA. Exit 7 off I-91. For room reservations contact number (413) 263-2015.

Cost \$50.00 includes the one day seminar and both coffee breaks and lunch.

Invoice: \$50.00 per-person Fed ID# 31-1724209 Make a copy for each person.

Name _____ Rank _____ Dept _____

Address _____

Telephone numbers: W _____ H _____

Make checks payable to NEDIAFC and mail to 812 VA Cutoff Rd., White River Jct., VT 05001

Information regarding this seminar contact:

Chief John Wood, Hartford Emergency Services, Hartford, Vermont (802) 295-3232 or 295-9679

NH Division of Emergency Medical Services

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(603) 271-4568/NH: 1-888-827-5367 • (603) 271-4567 (FAX)
NH EMS Website: www.state.nh.us/safety/ems

MAIL: NH Division of EMS, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305-0003

In the first quarter of 2001, the Division of EMS continues to be actively involved in a variety of projects involving statewide emergency medical services.

Efforts continue as part of the legislative process to secure passage of House Bill 303 which would provide dedicated, non-lapsing funding for both the Division of EMS and the Division of Fire Standards & Training. Numerous other legislative bills are being monitored during the current NH legislative session.

Requests have been submitted for the filling of staff vacancies for Data Coordinator, Trauma Coordinator and Secretarial positions within the Division.

The NH EMS Coordinating Board and Medical Control Board continue to work with the Division and the Department of Safety in developing both strategic and operational work plans for encouraging EMS efforts locally, regionally and statewide.

The formal rulemaking process continues towards the adoption of EMS Licensing rules to both update current regulations as well as addressing related issues such as EMS Instructors and EMS education.

Please feel free to contact the Division at (603)-271-4568/NH: 1-888-827-5367 if we can be of assistance on EMS-related issues.



FIRE INSTRUCTORS & OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2001 Election of Officers

Wednesday, April 11, 2001

Makris Lobster & Steak House
354 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH

Positions Open:

1. President, 2-year term expiring on 04/11/2003
2. 1st Vice President, 2-year term expiring on 04/11/2003
3. 2nd Vice President, 2-year term to fill resignation vacancy, expiring on 04/11/2002
4. Secretary/Treasurer, 2-year term expiring on 04/11/2003
5. Director, 3-year term expiring on 04/11/2004

Members interested in running for these positions can submit the form below.

Please mail by Wednesday, April 4, 2001

FIOANH Elections		Check those that apply:	
Name: _____		_____	President
Address: _____		_____	1st Vice President
City/State/Zip: _____		_____	2nd Vice President
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____		_____	Secretary/Treasurer
Mail to: FIOANH Election, PO Box 1691, Hampton, NH 03843-1691		_____	Director



FIRE INSTRUCTORS & OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESENTS

Professional Development Seminar And Annual Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday, April 11, 2001
Makris Lobster & Steak House
354 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH**

PRICES: FIOANH Members – \$20.00
Spouses/Guests – \$20.00
Non-FIOANH Members – \$35.00 (includes one year membership to FIOANH)

HIGHLIGHTS/SCHEDULE:

- 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m. – Buffet Dinner (Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Blue, Baked Stuffed Haddock, Garlic Roasted Potato, Candied Carrots, Deserts)
- 7:30 p.m. – “The Leadership Perspective”
Nick Manolis, Director of Training & Consulting for Primex (formally Compensation Funds of NH) will present a dynamic program on the Characteristics of Positive Leadership. Nick is well known throughout New Hampshire for his leadership programs which include the “Supervisors Academy” which is offered to municipalities throughout the State. Nick’s presentation will explore the differences between supervisors and those positive traits which develop a leader. This program will provide Fire Instructors and Officers with information that can be applied in your daily responsibilities.
- 8:30 p.m. – Business Meeting, Election of Officers, & John T. Ayers Instructor of the Year Award

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Wednesday, April 4, 2001

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION, CALL: John Burkush (h) 627-2675; (w) 669-2256
Jon True (h) 926-3103; (w) 926-3316

Is Your Membership Due?: Please consider renewing your membership with your registration for the Seminar/Dinner. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

REGISTRATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Make checks payable to: FIOANH
Mail to: PO Box 169
Hampton, NH 03843-1691

Number Attending: _____

☐ **FIOANH Member:**

- ☐ Seminar/Dinner \$20.00
- ☐ Spouse/Guest \$20.00
- ☐ Renewal \$10.00

☐ **NON-FIOANH Member:**

- ☐ Membership \$35.00
- ☐ Seminar/Dinner \$25.00

NEW PERSONNEL AT NHFA:



DEAN CHANDLER, Captain

Dean Chandler began his fire service career while attending Plymouth State College in the early 1980's. He held numerous positions in his 18 years with the Plymouth Fire/Rescue, including Call Dispatcher, Call Firefighter, Permanent Firefighter, and Permanent Lieutenant.

Dean has been a Fire Instructor since 1986, and a NH Fire Academy Staff Instructor for about 12 years. In addition, he is both a CPR and an EMT Instructor. Dean is presently a member of the Campton/Thornton Fire Department, dispatches part-time for both the Plymouth and the Lincoln Police Departments, and is Treasurer of the Plymouth Lodge of Elks.

A native of Sunapee, NH, Dean now resides in Thornton. During his relatively little spare time, he likes to read, listen to music, and play and watch all types of sports.

JOHN UITTS, Captain

Hi, my name is John Uitts. I was born in the State of Indiana and have lived in that state as well as Virginia and Pennsylvania. I received my BS degree from Millersville State College in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. I taught middle school industrial arts in Downingtown, Pennsylvania for the next five years. At the same time I earned 30 graduate credits and was driving charter busses to Vermont and New York states. While on one of those weekend trips, I was offered a job in Middlebury, Vermont. At the interview some weeks later I was told that I was over qualified but there was an opening at the Technical College in Claremont, NH which would fit my qualifications. I applied and received the position of electrical electronics instructor at that institution. Two years later the programs were cut as a result of a State budget crunch and changing area demographics. The machine tool instructor and myself started an electrical contracting company. That progressed into installing commercial fire alarm systems, which naturally brought me in contact with area Fire Departments. I joined the Claremont call department in 1977 and have never been the same! Obviously there must be some mental deficiency to wish to run into burning buildings.

In 1986 I sold my contracting company and moved to the Portsmouth area where I became the City Electrical Inspector. Since my supervisor was the Assistant Chief of the New Castle Fire Department, membership in that department was assured. Over the years I was appointed training officer and promoted to Deputy Chief in charge of training. Since my first days in the fire service, I have taught others in one way or another. In my later years I became a Staff Instructor at the NH Fire Academy. When the position of Field Captain was posted, I applied and somehow convinced them I was "The Man." It will take them years to figure out if they were correct.

By then my wife Betsy, the dog Aspen and I will be retired and playing with my trains and old machines on our gentleman farm. Hopefully my two sons, Eric and Kevin, will be paying their own way by then. Eric has a BS in Fire Administration and Kevin is at UNH in Engineering Tech.





James Litevich, Bureau Chief (Retired) is pictured here seated at his desk packing on his last day of work at NHFA; pictured with him is Program Coordinator Charles Hall.

JAMES LITEVICH, BUREAU CHIEF (RETIRED)

On December 31, 2000 James Litevich retired from the NH Division of Fire Standards & Training. Jim was Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Training & Certification at the NH Fire Academy. He started his fire service career with the Claremont Fire Department as a call firefighter in January of 1977. In August 1989, Jim came to the Division of Fire Standards & Training as the Instructor/Supervisor for Hazardous Materials Training under Chief Barry Bush. In October of 1996, Jim was promoted to Chief of Operations/ Assistant Director for the Division under the current Director Richard Mason. In February of 1999, Jim graduated from the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy. He is now the Director for Vermont Fire Service Training.

"The Fire"

This poem was written by Michelle Beaudoin, daughter of the NH Fire Academy's Office Manager, Sue Beaudoin. When it was written last year, Michelle was a 15-year-old sophomore at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, NH. The poem has been published in TeenInk, a national teen magazine.

*"The fire crackled and burned
In the black night.
It was a silent black.
The moon was a dull yellow,
Small and far off.
The devil's shadow seemed to
Dance in the flames.
The blaze puffed out deep, gray
Smoke as I sat in solitude.
The smoke mixed with
The settling fog.
The world became an enemy,
The fire a friend,
A companion there to comfort
And protect against the outer elements.
When the fire died down
To a slight smoldering,
I stood up and walked away.
Away from the fire
And into the world of war and fighting.
I know I will long to come back
To the safety of the fire.
To sit, isolated, and think
About the freedoms I used to have.
The freedom to think and feel.
The freedom to breathe.
The freedoms I want back.
But I can't go back,
I've moved on, I belong here now."*

Michelle Beaudoin, Epsom, NH

ANOTHER TALL TALE FROM THE LAND OF FRUITS & NUTS

By "The Old Man"

It seems a small vollie department in northern California wanted to buy a Zodiac. So they placed their 18-foot tin clad and trailer on the station front lawn for sale. Soon they were queried by a woman who allowed that, while neither she nor her husband had any knowledge of boating but always wanting one, they offered a price. The deal consummated, the buyers drove off with boat and trailer in tow.

The next Saturday the work detail at the fire station received an angry call from the husband complaining the boat would not plane, indeed it barely got back to the dock. Several firefighters dropped their brooms, piled into a car, and headed over to the nearby lake. They hustled down the dock and, after listening to the owner's laments, cast off and headed out into the lake. The motor labored and the boat was bow down. The motor was tipped up and ran all right. They chugged back to the dock and stood around perplexed. Finally, one firefighter took off his shoes and socks, and slipped into the water. Emerging, he was helped - laughing hysterically - onto the dock. When he got his breath, he said to his impatient questioners, "The boat is still on the dam trailer."



NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

News & Notes



Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

LEGISLATION:

HB 539-FN-A: a bill to hire additional personnel for the Division of Forests & Lands and to fund UNH Cooperative Extension. This bill is an attempt by the NH Fire and Forestry communities to achieve more appropriate staffing and funding levels to serve the NH public. It is seeking to obtain 5 new Forest Ranger positions (we are down 1 position since the 1940's), a forest planner and data analyst plus fund UNH Cooperative Extension positions.

HB-274-FN: a bill to ban the backyard burning of combustible domestic waste. This would prohibit incinerator barrels and was introduced to try to reduce dioxin emissions. Introduced for the Department of Environmental Services. The Division supports this bill.

HB-398: a bill to change the Forest Fire Warden appointment process. This bill would mandate the appointment of the Fire Chief as the Forest Fire Warden or the Chief can delegate these responsibilities to a qualified individual with the Director's approval. The Division of Forests & Lands opposes this bill.

TRAINING:

We will be offering training and the work capacity testing for out-of-state fire crews at various locations around the state. Look for the schedule, dates, times and locations in your mailings from FS&T. The sessions all start at 8 a.m. and will run from April 7-May 19, 2001 (on Saturdays) for experienced personnel.

BASIC fire crew orientation for first-time personnel interested in in-state and out-of-state wildland firefighting. This training is being offered Saturday, June 9, 2001 at the Gilford Fire Department starting at 8 a.m.

For the above training, please RSVP by email or by calling 271-2217 with your name, date and location you plan on attending. Email: pleary@dred.state.nh.us or ccolby@dred.state.nh.us

Our Forest Rangers are working on their district Warden/Deputy Warden training sessions so please keep in touch with your Ranger on these sessions. We are also offering some training at the local Forest Fire Warden Association meetings around the state. We continue to try to offer training classes when and where you need them. We welcome your input!

For more information on training and other services provided by our Department and Division, please check our website at www.dred.state.nh.us/forlands.

FUNDING:

We are continuing to work with the US Forest Service to obtain funding for rural water supplies, prevention information and training courses. We will let you know how these funds are to be utilized when we get the Federal direction.

Due to a difference in predicted funds and actual funds received for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program, we were NOT able to grant funds to all communities that we thought would be able to receive them. We apologize for any inconvenience, and the communities affected are being notified.

Remember the Fire Act for FY 2001- your department may be able to apply to receive funds to assist the community in many ways. Information on these grants is available at USFAGrants@fema.gov or by calling (301) 447-1608.

GENERAL:

We are looking to open our fire towers and mobile patrols in late March depending on snow cover and fire season. We will have some new people in at least three towers.

The Bureau is in the process of buying several new Smokey Bear suits for fire prevention activities.

The Federation of Forest Fire Warden Associations Spring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2001-location to be announced.

NOW is the time to make sure that your wildland fire equipment is ready to roll and be utilized. Spring fires generally move quickly and can be very unpredictable. Use caution - don't drive that truck into that field that may be muddy and DON'T put your people in harm's way. Fight fires aggressively but provide for Safety first!!

Fire permits, law posters, Prevent Forest Fire posters and other materials are available from your Forest Ranger. Remember that fire permits are now required whenever the ground is NOT completely covered with snow.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES!!

Have a safe Spring fire season!



NVFC, FIRE GROUPS MEET WITH FEMA TO DISCUSS NEW GRANT PROGRAM



On January 10, 2001 representatives of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the nation's other major fire service organizations met with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Director James Lee Witt; Ken Burris, Chief Operating Office of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA); and other FEMA and USFA officials to discuss the agency's plans to implement the new \$100 million grant program.

"The NVFC wants to make sure this is a straight-forward process for all fire departments," said NVFC Chairman Fred Allinson. "At this meeting we assured everyone at FEMA that the NVFC plans to do everything in its power to make that happen."

The fire service organizations agreed and held further meetings to help develop the program's rating criteria in January at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. The organizations also volunteered help to staff the panels needed to evaluate grant applications and make recommendations on awards. The application deadline and processing timetable is still under development, but all grants must be awarded by September 30, 2001.

"The entire fire service must work together to make this program successful," said Allinson. "If we want to sustain this program and see funding increased in future years, we must show Congress and the Administration that this program will make our country more fire safe and protect our firefighters."

In the program's first year, fire departments will be able to submit applications in no more than two grant categories, and the cap on the total grant is \$750,000 per department. The following are the eligible categories and the tentative total amount available in each:

- * Train fire fighting personnel (\$6.5 million)
- * Fire fighting vehicles, including fire trucks (\$15 million)
- * Fire fighting equipment, including communications and monitoring (\$15 million)
- * Personal protective equipment (\$35 million)
- * Fire prevention programs (\$12 million)
- * Wellness and fitness programs for fire fighting personnel (\$6.5 million)

FEMA will also make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with national, state, local, or community organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise with respect to fire prevention or fire safety programs and activities, for the purpose of carrying out fire prevention programs (\$4.7 million). The rest of the funding will be reserved for administration cost (\$5 million) and an NFPA report regarding the needs of the fire service (\$300,000).

Other provisions of the grant include:

- * Must agree to provide information to the National Fire Incident Reporting Systems (NFIRS) for the period covered by the assistance. A portion of the grants received may be used to purchase the necessary hardware and software to comply.
- * Volunteer and combination departments will receive 56.8 percent of the funding and career departments will receive 43.2 percent.
- * A 10 percent match will be required of fire departments that serve populations under 50,000. A 30 percent match will be required for all departments protecting over 50,000 population.
- * Departments will be able to apply for grants online.

FEMA will set up a small grants administration office in the Washington headquarters building and the USFA will manage the office. A toll-free information line will be set up and additional material on the new grant program will be posted as it becomes available on the USFA website at: www.usfa.fema.gov.

"Because there is a quick turnaround on the funding, the fire service needs to start deciding now what they are going to apply for and how much it will cost," Allinson added.

E-mail questions about the program can be sent to: USFAGrants@fema.gov

The NVFC will use its Legislative E-mail Updates, The Dispatch newsletter, and its website (www.nvfc.org) to notify the fire service on the progress of the grant application process.

PROGRAM NOTICE

Volunteer Incentive Program

The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (USFA/NFA) is pleased to provide information on a change in the application process for the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). The following guidelines and general requirements are provided for distribution/posting within your departments/jurisdictions.

Previously, VIP applicants had to submit through their respective State fire training office. Effective immediately, all VIP applicants can now send their applications directly to the Admissions Office at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC). VIP applications do require the signature of the local fire chief, but do not require the signature of the State fire training director. All completed applications should be mailed to the following address:

NETC Admissions Office
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

The VIP is an intensive six-day educational opportunity designed specifically for the volunteer fire service officer. The NFA operates on a two-semester year with a separate ap-

plication period for each semester. The first semester of Fiscal Year 2002 runs from October 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002, and applications for this semester must be postmarked between May 1 and June 30, 2001. Students must reapply for second semester courses if they are not accepted for the first semester.

For information regarding dates and course content, please refer to the USFA's web page at www.usfa.fema.gov or to the NFA Catalog of Courses. The NFA will continue to provide for a travel stipend to/from Emmitsburg, Maryland, lodging at the NETC, and instructional materials. Meals and breaks will be the responsibility of the participant and must be purchased at the NETC.

Additional information about travel arrangements and meal/break costs will be provided with the confirmation letter. Applicants should not make any plans to attend this program until NFA has notified them in writing.

For further inquiries regarding these VIP application changes, please contact Kirby Kiefer at 301-447-1083, or by email to kirby.kiefer@fema.gov.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 7-8-9, 2001 • GORHAM, NH

The New Hampshire State Firemen's Association Convention will be held in Gorham, NH and will be hosted by the Gorham Fire Department. Preregistration (deadline Friday, August 31, 2001) will be required for most of the Convention events, and early reservation at hotels is strongly encouraged. The Convention registration form as well as the hotels are listed on the Gorham Fire Department's Web Site www.gorhamfire.org or contact Chief Rick Eichler at 466-2549. The schedule is:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 10:00 Golf Tournament at Androscoggin Valley CC in Gorham (Preregistration Required)
- 14:00 Executive Board Meeting at the Town & Country Motor Inn
- 17:00 - 21:00 Music Machine by Ryan Leighton (Berlin Firefighter)***
- 17:00 - 21:00 Vendors and Displays at the Gorham Fire Station***
- 17:00 - 21:00 Registration at the Gorham Fire Station (Preregistration Required) ***
- 18:00 - 20:00 Spaghetti Dinner (Shelburne Fire Dept) at the Gorham Fire Station (Preregistration Helpful)***
- 21:00 - 24:00 Dance at the American Legion in Gorham

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:00 - 14:00 Registration at the Gorham Fire Station (Preregistration Required)***
- 15:00 - 17:00 Registration at the Gorham Fire Station (Preregistration Required)***
- 9:00 Horseshoe Tournament at Gorham Fire Station***
- 9:00 - 15:00 Vendors and Displays at the Gorham Fire Station***
- 11:00 "New England State Veteran Firemen's League" Hand Tub Parade and Muster on the Common (Audience Participation)***
- 11:00 Companion Program - Tour of the Mount Washington Observatory Preregistration Required)
- 13:00-17:00 Music by Dale Moore at the Gorham Fire Station***
- 15:00-17:00 Social and Hors D'oeuvre at Gorham Fire Station***
- 14:00 Business Meeting at the Town & Country Motor Inn
- 18:00 Banquet & Dancing at the Town & Country Motor Inn Preregistration Required)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9:00 Services at Holy Family Church in memory of the "Fallen Firefighters"
- 10:00 Round Table at the Town & Country Motor Inn: "How to Handle a Firefighter Death" by Director Richard Mason
- 13:00 Parade***
- 14:00 Barbeque-Ham, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls (Preregistration Required)***
"SPAMFFA" Antique Pumper Owner Pumping Demo at Libby's Pool***

*** No alcoholic beverages per town ordinance.

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

FIRST Bankers Corporation of Indianapolis, IN is pleased to announce that it will award five \$500.00 scholarships this fall. These scholarships are available for the children or dependents of active or deceased firefighters and are for secondary education purposes.

Applications can be requested by contacting Liz Lossin via email at elossin@firstbankers.net, via fax at 317-879-1812, or via mail at First Bankers Corporation, P. O. Box 781165, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Applications must be submitted by September 1, 2001 to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded on September 15, 2001.

The applications must be signed by the Chief of the department that the firefighter serves and must include a 50 word essay.

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